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Mr. James R. Killian, Jr.  
President  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Killian:

I wish to express to you and the members of the Corporation of Massachusetts Institute of Technology my appreciation of the leave of absence granted to Mr. Max Franklin Millikan for a period of service with the Central Intelligence Agency.

It is realized that Mr. Millikan's services will be greatly missed by MIT, but the importance of intelligence to the security of our country can not be over emphasized.

Please accept my gratitude for this generous and patriotic action of MIT.

Sincerely,

*Walter B. Smith*

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Director

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